

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

My name is Robin Garr, and I wish to go on record in strong opposition to dropping the requirement that telephone companies be required to provide Internet Service Providers access to (their networks). Removal of this requirement would be unjust, inappropriate and wrong.

Millions of tax-paying, voting Americans rely on these fine local businesses to give us e access to Internet services and options that the large telephone carriers cannot and will not provide. A regulatory denial of access by ISPs to the telephone network will mean that they will no longer be able to provide millions of us the level of service we have come to enjoy and expect for Internet access.

Does your administration really wish to force these small, independent businesses into bankruptcy while limiting consumer choice? I sincerely hope not.

The proposed action would also force consumer rates to rise by eliminating competition.

I urge you to reconsider this very poor public policy proposal. Consumers all across America are depending on you to make the right decision ... to maintain and grow the level of competition in the Internet marketplace. That goal is best met by protecting and nurturing competitive market conditions for the thousands of independent ISPs and not through their destruction.

I urge you to continue protecting access of Internet Service Providers to public telephone networks and thus protecting the rights of millions of consumers like me and my family and friends.

Sincerely,

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